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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in all locations. The market tone was generally steady entering the week. Demand was mixed, but mostly ranged moderate to good where holiday features were present. Supplies were usually adequate to available for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to fully adequate for the light demand. Light type hens were sufficient for reduced processing schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC Prices were unchanged in all areas. The market tone was generally steady. Demand ranged moderate to good, best where features were in progress for Thanksgiving. In the Philadelphia area, large eggs were advertised at 99 cents per dozen. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to fully adequate for the light demand. Light type fowl were sufficient for the light to fair demand.

MIDWEST Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady at best to at times barely steady. Retail demand was mixed, ranging slow to very good, usually moderate to fairly good in areas with feature activity. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies ranged barely adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly light as the majority of breakers attempt to work from existing inventories through the Thanksgiving holiday week. Offerings generally adequate with buyers paying high side for additional heavy nest runs. Schedules full-time to part-time for this week. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand was mixed, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies were adequate to available.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged in Atlanta and Florida entering the week. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was moderate to at times fairly good, best where features were in progress. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending November 22, 2002 was 78.68 cents, which was 0.45 cents more than a week earlier and 8.93 cents more than last year. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to fully adequate for the light demand. Light type fowl were sufficient for reduced processing schedules.

WESTERN Prices unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was 5% lower than last Monday with California up 3% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 14%. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings easily adequate.

NEW YORK Prices began the Thanksgiving holiday week unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to good, best where features were in progress. Supplies were fully adequate for needs.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DLVRD STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DZ.

EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	116-118	107-109	75-77
New York	84-88	82-86	70-74
Philadelphia	82-86	81-84	69-72

SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	74-79	72-75	61-64
Jackson (1)	81-83	77-79	66-68
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	83-94	80-90	67-79

MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	74-78	72-76	63-67
Detroit (2)	70-75	69-73	60-67
Major Ohio Cities (2)	72-76	71-74	62-64
Major Wisconsin Cities	73-80	72-78	62-67

WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	91-93	87-90	75-77
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	112	106	97
(1) - Prices reported weekly (2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 3% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings easily adequate. Small benchmark price 77. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 99, 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- large dozen 89, 18 pack 189. California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	117
EXTRA LARGE	112
LARGE	106
MEDIUM	97

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	239-299	JUMBO	235-289
EXTRA LARGE	229-299	EXTRA LARGE	219-249
LARGE	199	LARGE	195-239
MEDIUM	179	MEDIUM	175-189

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending November 29, 2002 will increase by 15 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 22, 2002 were 240,680 cases which was 16 percent below the prior week and 14 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	200,918	39,762	240,680

% change from the prior week.....	-17	-14	-16

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 16 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Demand was mostly light as the majority of breakers attempt to work from existing inventories through the Thanksgiving holiday week. Offerings generally adequate with buyers paying highside for additional heavy nest runs. Schedules full-time to part-time for this week. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	41-44
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	29-33
CENTRAL STATES AREA:	
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI	

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate. Offerings were at least adequate to adequate. Processing was reduced due to the holiday schedules. Finished product supplies were about adequate and clearing. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-NOV-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-10 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.52
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings from producers. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced for the holiday week. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-NOV-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.83

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM NOV 25, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.7	20.4	9.6	15.7	11.8	66.2
	Change	-5.4	-4.7	0.1	-0.8	-2.1	-16%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.6	50.8	11.0	23.6	31.5	140.5
	Change	-1.9	-15.7	-4.7	-3.7	-0.6	-16%
Large	Curr Wk	49.0	100.8	58.0	79.9	109.0	396.7
	Change	-9.3	-18.9	-33.2	-21.7	-12.2	-19%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.8	47.4	19.8	21.7	31.9	135.6
	Change	-2.5	0.8	3.3	-4.0	2.5	0%
Small	Curr Wk	5.4	10.1	4.8	4.8	7.7	32.8
	Change	0.3	1.3	2.7	-2.5	2.5	15%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.7	27.8	8.0	16.8	6.0	65.3
	Change	-0.1	5.3	-0.6	-0.7	0.3	7%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	24.2	36.7	20.7	23.9	34.9	140.4
	Change	2.5	-0.5	-3.9	-1.8	-1.5	-4%
Total	Curr Wk	132.4	294.0	131.9	186.4	232.8	977.5
Percent	Change	-11%	-10%	-24%	-16%	-5%	-12%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	977.5	-12%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	234.2	-3%	38
Total Shell Egg	1211.7	-10%	213

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 175 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11, 2002

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	194.2	191.1	182.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING NOVEMBER 11, 2002 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	151	151	141	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 22, 2002**CURRENT LOADS** 26.50**FUTURE LOADS** 4.00**TOTAL LOADS** 30.50

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	59.00	59.33	56.25	57.50	57.00	57.00	7.00		GL W J	45.00	—		—	—	—	54.00	1.00
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	47.45	—	8.25		GL W XL	53.00	57.00		—	—	—	56.60	8.25
GL W LG	—	—	65.00	67.00	53.43	—	6.25		GL W LG	51.00	59.00		—	—	—	60.88	5.25
GL W MD	—	—	51.50	53.00	42.50	—	1.50		GL W MD	—	—		—	—	—	52.50	.50
GL W SM	28.00	30.00	—	—	—	—	1.00		GL W SM	—	—		—	—	28.25	30.00	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	43.00	45.00	2.00										
NRBS - 39	—	—	19.00	21.00	—	—	.50										

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/16-11/22/02**CURRENT LOADS** 108.50**FUTURE LOADS** 69.50**TOTAL LOADS** 178.00

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	56.75	60.24	54.69	55.88	55.10	56.50	40.50		GNR W XL	54.00	58.00		—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	50.00	52.00	1.00		GNR W 1	57.00	60.25		—	—	—	—	4.00
GNR BR 1	—	72.00	61.00	62.00	—	—	2.00		GL W J	45.00	—		—	—	—	57.33	3.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	48.00	—	2.00		GL W XL	53.25	56.33		—	—	—	58.11	18.25
GL W XL	—	69.53	66.80	67.58	50.00	57.00	47.50		GL W LG	56.50	62.75		—	—	50.50	62.06	30.25
GL W LG	—	69.21	59.50	65.80	54.40	56.00	41.00		GL W MD	51.00	52.87		—	52.00	—	54.69	10.75
GL W MD	—	—	49.86	49.80	44.33	52.50	15.25		GL W SM	—	—		—	—	28.57	30.00	1.75
GL W SM	28.00	30.00	26.67	28.44	—	—	3.25										
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	44.67	23.00										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	43.60	44.58	22.00										
NRBS - 39	—	—	19.33	28.00	30.00	32.50	14.75										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

*****NOTICE*****

THE **NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA** REPORT
IS NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PUBLICATION

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
122-125	97-100	88-91	56-59	25-28

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
76-86	70-73	67-72	60-64	31-35

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
51-55	42-46	11-15

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	11/18/02	11/11/02	11/19/01
PACIFIC COAST	706	392	215
LOS ANGELES	651	329	154

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 11/10/02-11/16/02
30-dozen case 9,187

Receipts from the mainland: 11/3/02-11/9/02
30-dozen case 8,446

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
96.27	92.27	81.27	54.79

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